



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 - 6:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066

## MINUTES

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

#### A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Chair) Stephen Pieraldi		X
(Vice-Chair) Peter Jalilie		X
John Giuseponi	X	
Sol Weiner (Acting Chair)	X	
Doris Maez	X	

#### Staff in Attendance:

Chris Coles, Public Works Department  
Frans Lind, Public Works Department  
Marc Catalano, Police Department  
Mirella Ramirez, Public Works Secretary

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved from the July 5, 2006 meeting with the following corrections: Doris Maez noted on the Staff Report, page 4 under Item #7, paragraph 2, change "Service" to "Since". Sol Weiner wanted it noted that he was disappointed with the City Council action taken to only install speed bumps on Cypress Avenue and not approve the other items recommended by the Committee. Motion to approve with noted changes by John Giuseponi, seconded by Doris Maez (M/Giuseponi, S/Maez: 3-0-0) Approved.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

Interim City Engineer Chris Coles wanted to note the new agenda protocol for future TSPC meetings. The agenda will be separate from the staff report outlining the details of the issues discussed at each meeting.

- A. Frans Lind reported two speed bumps along each of the 100 and 200 blocks of Cypress Avenue, as well as advance "BUMP" signs, have been installed. The striping and pavement markings have not

yet been installed, but should be done soon. He stated two residents complained about the bumps being noisy. Chris Coles commented that the bumps had been scored where vehicles have bottomed out, so a traffic work order was given to shave the bumps down some. Sol Weiner traveled Cypress Avenue and still would like to see the installation of a one-way street. He still sees cars parked on the sidewalk because of this and feels this is still unsafe. He encouraged residents and staff to continue to push these issues for completion.

- B. Frans Lind confirmed that the speed limit signs have been installed in the eight street segments noted for speed limit changes. John Giuseponi asked if there was any feedback on this. Frans replied there have been no comments from residents.
- C. Frans Lind stated the Shelter Creek Lane/San Bruno Avenue signal project is progressing and City staff will be going out to bid for design and then a separate bid for construction. City staff approached CalTrans regarding installation of temporary STOP signs at this location, but this was denied, so the City will be going directly into the signal project. Chris Coles met with the City Manager regarding this project and she wanted to emphasize the importance of this project for pedestrian and resident safety to the TSPC Committee.
- D. Frans Lind stated City staff is in the process of writing the Staff Report for the City Council meeting next week regarding approval on the parking restriction recommendations for Chuy's Deli at 875 Huntington Avenue, Hanlon's Tire Service at 205 West San Bruno Avenue, and the removal of the red curb at Park Plaza Apartments at 2081 Whitman Way.
- E. Frans Lind stated the request for red curb extension at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Angus Avenue to provide more room in the southbound 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection has not yet been presented to the City Council. A staff report should be written soon.
- F. Frans Lind stated the request for No Parking designation for all of Railroad Place has not yet been presented to the City Council due to staff shortages. City staff should be able to work on this issue fairly soon.
- G. Frans Lind reviewed the request for red curbing proposed on Commodore Drive between National Avenue and the Commodore Drive north-south segment. Vehicles have been parked along Commodore Drive and do not leave enough space for emergency vehicles to travel through this location. The Fire Department has issued the request for red curbing for this reason. John Giuseponi asked if this problem has always existed there and if so how was it approved? Frans Lind responded that it must have been an error as part of the design process, but it is now being corrected. Doris Maez asked what the parking allowance is for the buildings being constructed? John Giuseponi commented that this red curbing should not affect that issue. Doris Maez responded that the red curbing is a good temporary fix, but long term parking in this area will have to be reviewed when the new apartments fill up. Chris Coles concurred that this design is a problem and needs to be corrected. John Giuseponi motioned for acceptance of the recommendation for red curbing as requested and Doris Maez seconded. (M/Giuseponi, S/Maez: 3-0-0) Approved.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frans Lind introduced a letter from members of the 800 Block of Kains Neighborhood Watch group requesting speed reduction measures in their neighborhood. Doris Maez stated that she drove down Kains one day at around 5 pm and there was no traffic. She observed the street is fairly wide so there should not be a concern of hitting parked cars. Sol Weiner also observed traffic at various times. John Giuseponi asked if the City staff would do a traffic study of the location to give the

Committee some supporting information. Frans responded that a speed study could be done with a police trailer to determine speeds.

Claire Gagas, 860 Kains, put together a handout of the resident concerns. The present concern is speeding, and they have seen skid marks through the crosswalk at Kains and Elm. Cars speed through the STOP signs at Kains and Elm and the majority of motorists are coming from El Camino Real to avoid stoplights. The speed is especially dangerous as there is an elementary school and a library less than one block away, as well as a karate studio. The Kains/Linden intersection has no crosswalk for the school children. The residents would like to add a STOP sign in front of the dental office on Kains to slow down westbound traffic on Kains and add a four-way STOP at Linden and Kains. Also, they'd like to see "SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs and "NOW ENTERING A RESIDENTIAL AREA" signs installed to let drivers know there are homes there, not just commercial buildings. Additional police support would be good too. Our group discussed speed bumps and our Committee does not want those installed.

Sol Weiner commended the neighbors for having meetings.

Chris Coles asked if the children are crossing El Camino Real to get to Allen School? Resident Claire Gagas responded the issue comes up with the children leaving school and traveling north on Kains, not traveling across El Camino Real.

Sol Weiner requested a speed study be done on a couple of locations near Kains and Angus as well as a study for the necessity of the four-way STOP requested. He asked about the accident history in this location.

Doris Maez asked if a previous speed study had been done for this neighborhood. Marc Catalano responded that a police trailer has been installed in the past and police officers have been periodically monitoring the area. Marc stated that the Police Department would do a further study if directed by the TSPC.

Resident Claire Gagas wanted to comment that when she was growing up in the Crestmoor area, residents had requested a crosswalk by John Muir School and were denied due to a lack of accident history in the area. Then a little girl was killed. Let's not wait until there is an accident to do something. Let's do it now. Sol Weiner commended her on the report.

- B. Chris Coles reviewed the Caltrain Grade Crossing Interim Safety Improvements, which will be installed by the Peninsula Joint Powers Board at the Caltrain railroad crossings at San Bruno, San Mateo, Angus Avenues, and Scott Street, and at Linden Avenue in South San Francisco and involves the installation of new signals, lights and pedestrian crossing safety measures. There will also be a realignment of San Mateo Avenue. There will be a request by Caltrain to close Scott Street where it intersects the railroad tracks, which may not be approved by the City. Caltrain wants a double lane for San Mateo Avenue in order to facilitate a left turn onto southbound Huntington Avenue, which would remove five parking spaces from the businesses in the area. The City may not approve the removal of the parking spaces. There will be new landscaping that the City will be giving feedback on as well.

Doris Maez confirmed there will be no impact on Posy Park with this phase. Chris Coles confirmed this. Doris Maez also asked if there would be any impact on the storm drains in the area. Chris Coles commented that there would be minimal work on utilities with this phase of the project.

John Giuseponi asked if there was a time frame for this work. Chris Coles responded it should be done by next summer.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Resident Marie Tilson, 161 DeSoto Way, received a notice from two other residents at 101 and 105 DeSoto Way about requests for installing speed bumps on their street. These requests were addressed to City Clerk Carol Bonner. Marie Tilson wanted to know what this was about. Frans Lind received a copy of the notice from Ms. Evangelist requesting speed bumps and spoke to the resident and informed her of the trial speed bump program on Cypress Avenue. Frans let her know that other streets are not being considered at this time.

**7. REPORT ON ALL STAFF-LEVEL TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES OR ACTIONS -**

- A. Frans Lind stated a work order has been written for the crosswalk painting on Huntington Avenue at Artichoke Joe's. The City's Streets Division will be painting this in the near future.
- B. Frans Lind reviewed the speeding situation on Crestmoor Drive, which was visited by City staff. There is a sketched plan as to where to place pavement numbers and strategic locations for additional speed limit signs. The staff would also like to recommend the additional of some advance school crossing signs and change the sign colors to the standard green. The final plan will need to be approved by the City Engineer, so it could take another two weeks to get final approval. Sol Weiner asked for a report update on this action by the next meeting.

Tom Hamilton, 3481 Crestmoor Drive, wanted to get an update on the feasibility of STOP signs that were discussed at the July TSPC meeting. He has seen some police support in the area, but is aware of the limited staff resources. Frans Lind recommended implementing pavement numbers and speed limit signs over STOP signs, as STOP signs should not be used to control speed. John Giuseponi stated he would like to see STOP signs installed, as he thinks it is needed in this area. Frans responded that a study could be done to investigate this.

- C. Frans Lind reviewed a request for an audible traffic signal at El Camino Real and Crystal Springs Road, which was submitted by a resident that viewed a sight-impaired individual attempting to cross the street at this location. Caltrans was contacted as well as the Peninsula Group, which specializes in assisting the sight-impaired, and they will be reviewing the location. The Peninsula Group could submit a report to verify that this location would benefit from an audible signal, which costs \$500 per signal to install. The report would then go to Caltrans for approval. Caltrans stated they would install the signals at no cost to the City. The City would have to pay for the audible signal equipment and the time of the individual from the sight-impaired assistance group to come and do the study.

**8. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -**

- A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Doris Maez has not attended the last two meetings.
- B. Caltrain Grade Separation Committee – John Giuseponi stated there was no information in addition to what was discussed by Chris Coles.
- C. Sol Weiner asked for staff to contact Peter Jalilie and Stephen Pieraldi to confirm they still would like to participate in the Committee.

**9. ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on October 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

(M/Giuseponi, S/Maez): 3-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 7:40 pm.